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REMARKS

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I. ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The Examiner asserts that claims 1-8 and 16-20 (Species I) and claims 9-15 (Species II) are patentably distinct species. The Applicants elect the claims of Species I in the invention without traverse. Accordingly, Applicants request claims 1-8 and 16-20 of Species I to be examined in response to the restriction requirement and cancel claims 9-15 of Species II without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to subsequently file one or more divisional applications in order to prosecute the inventions recited in any one or more of the non-elected groups of claims.

II. NEW CLAIMS

Applicants add new claims 21-27. New claims 21-27 are computer-readable medium claims similar to the method claims 1-7. Applicants submit that the claims are fully supported by the Applicants' specification and that no new matter is added.

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CONCLUSION

Thus, the Applicants believe that all these claims are presently in condition for allowance. Accordingly, both reconsideration of this application and its swift passage to issue are earnestly solicited.

If, however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues requiring the issuance of a final action in any of the claims now pending in the application, it is requested that the Examiner telephone Mr. Kin-Wah Tong, Esq. at (732) 530-9404 so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

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